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In re application of: Steve D. Katsandres and Fred S Benz  
Serial No: 10/692,279  
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For: **RETRACTABLE BELT LOTION APPLICATOR**  
Group Art Unit: 3751  
Examiner: Peter T. deVore  
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Yakima, Washington 98902  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office Action, marked as mailed on September 29, 2004, please amend and reconsider the claims of the application as set forth below. The shortened statutory response period for the above listed application expires December 29, 2004. This response is timely and properly filed within this shortened response period, via facsimile on Wednesday, December 29, 2004. No extension fees are required with this amendment and response. However, the amendments presented herein include one additional independent claim over the tree allowed without fee. Therefore, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned practitioner's PTO account No. 50-0269, the required small entity fee of \$100.00.